

MDAH Volunteers Have Busy Summer!

News from Kathy Broom, image courtesy of Joy Matthews



Above: State Capitol volunteers pictured on Grand Staircase after recent meeting.

(Left to right) First Row (bottom row): Freda Spell, Dorothea Brock, Betty Henry, Noreen Prouty, Faye Hudgins; **Second Row:** Ginger Hite, Sandye Blalock, Peggy Jeter; **Third Row:** Jerald Everett, Sharon Anderson, Jackie Roman, Hayley Smith; **Fourth Row:** Bernie Lieb, Carolyn Jones, Luran Buchanan, Mike Daly, Pauline Akers; **Fifth Row:** Carol Busbee, Linda Young, Linda Brodell, Gail Helms, Judy Lacy.

Test Your Knowledge of Mississippi

- Mississippi's fourth territorial governor also served as the first and fifth governor of Mississippi. During the territorial period, this governor dealt with border issues with Spain, Indian raids during the War of 1812, and the rapid expansion of the territory. During his first term as governor, Mississippi's judicial system was established and state judges were appointed, the legislature was organized, the militia was created, and the Choctaw Indian land cession east of the Pearl River was organized. During his second term as governor, he had failing health and returned to his native Virginia. This amazing leader was:
 - Winthrop Sargent
 - William C. C. Claiborne
 - Chief Pushmataha
 - David Holmes
- Mississippi's sixtieth governor was from Choctaw County and the youngest governor in America at the time of his inauguration in 1988. In 1983, before he became governor, he served as the state auditor. In 1994, he was appointed U. S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia by President Bill Clinton. In May 2009, he was appointed by President Obama as the seventy-fifth U. S. Secretary of the Navy. This person is:
 - Cliff Finch
 - Kirk Fordice
 - Ray Mabus
 - Ronnie Musgrove
- Adelbert Ames served as Mississippi's twenty-seventh and thirtieth governor. His wife was the daughter of General Benjamin Butler, a notorious Union general who occupied New Orleans. General Butler was accused of stealing silverware from wealthy New Orleans citizens. His nickname was:
 - General "Spoons" Butler
 - Catch Me If You Can Butler
 - Hi, Ho Silver! Butler
 - General Butler Did It!

Answers are on the last page.

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The Test Your Knowledge questions above were sourced from the fabulous *Mississippi History Now* website—the award-winning electronic publication that offers a wide variety of essays on the history of Mississippi, covering the periods from prehistory through the twentieth century. Launched in 2000, *Mississippi History Now* has appeal for the history lover, the student, and for the general reader with a lively curiosity. History teachers will welcome the lesson plans that accompany each essay. <http://mshistorynow.mdah.ms.gov/>

Archaeology: Excavating with John Connaway

News and images from John Connaway

Upcoming: Our Fall issue will showcase archaeology volunteers in Jackson!



1. Bo Pitts and George Lowry are shown working on a large pit at Carson Mounds in April.



2. In March, University of Mississippi graduate student and volunteer Nikki Mattson (right) directed some girl scouts as they began excavation of a test unit in the remnant of Mound 11; Mound A shown in background. Her project is to try to determine if there were any structures or other features beneath the small mounds on the west side of the site, where there are several remnants of the mounds. Her test pit is now down to 70 cm below surface and still finding mound fill, suggesting the original surface was below the present one, possibly due to river flooding subsequent to mound construction.

3. In May, Dr. Tim Pauketat from University of Illinois (second from left), Dr. Susan Alt from University of Indiana (right), and graduate students Jeff Kruchten and Rebecca Barzilai visited Carson with an interest in the pit houses there, comparing them to those commonly found in the Cahokia area of Illinois from the twelfth century. They are shown working in House 23, one of six such houses at Carson, and the only ones presently known in Mississippi.



Welty Fun: May, June, July, and August!

News and images from Maggie Stevenson

This summer has been full of literary-themed events at the Eudora Welty House and Garden (EWHG). The Austen Film Series in the Welty Garden premiered in May with *Emma* and Carolyn Brown comparing the work of Welty and Austen (images 1 and 2 on page 5).

In June, we held the final *Curtain Call* of New Stage's 2015-16 season with Dr. Suzanne Marrs leading a discussion of *The Robber Bridegroom* (image 3 on page 5). The EWHG was thrilled to have many young visitors for *Storytime on the Porch* throughout the month (images 4 and 5 on page 5).

In July, Lemuria and the EWHG teamed up again for the Welty Writers Series with Ace Atkins and Bill Loehfelm. Ace and Bill talked to each other about their writing and let us know how they come up with some of the wild plot lines in the books (image 6 on page 5).

Of course, the pièce de résistance was in August with the Mississippi Book Festival. Unfortunately, on Friday night the party that was to be at the Welty House had to be moved due to bad weather, but the staff at the Old Capitol Museum stepped up to the plate and what a fun time we had! I want to thank them again for all their hard work. The EWHG had a great presence at the book festival and we enjoyed seeing many of our old friends and making some new ones.

More Welty event pictures on page 5.

August was The Mississippi Book Festival



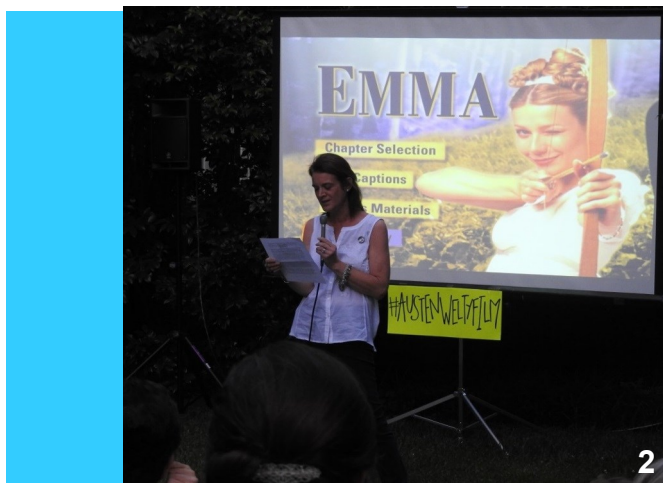
Welty Book Festival event held at the Old Capitol Museum. Volunteers Luran Buchanan and Freda Spell were on hand to greet and take tickets.



The EWHG staff and volunteers had a tent to showcase Eudora Welty at the recent Mississippi Book Festival. For more on the Mississippi Book Festival, go to page 8.

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Above: Mystery writers Bill Loehfelm and Ace Atkins



Remember if it is the 13th of the month and the Welty House is open, admission is free!

Summertime at the Mississippi State Capitol

News from Kathy Broom, images courtesy of Joy Matthews

Summer brings an increase of drop-in visitors at the Capitol, our annual volunteer meeting, the Mississippi Book Festival, and, this year, even a drone.

International guests are such a treat, and each is delighted to receive the special Mississippi pin in addition to the Capitol pin. Our German, Spanish, French, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean visitors are glad to have the Capitol's self-guided tour translated into their languages. (The Italian translation is in the works, and we're always on the lookout to add more.)



Above: A family from France gladly signs the Capitol's guest book after being greeted by volunteer Jeri Reiff.

Right: With volunteer Sandye Blalock is Belgian guest Christiaan Vangeel, who is touched by the flag flying at half-staff the day after the terrorist attack in Belgium.

Special thanks to the volunteers whose translations made our self-guided tours more accessible to other cultures!

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Volunteer Carolyn Jones, right, provides a warm southern welcome to a couple from Spain.



Summertime at the Mississippi State Capitol

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Families from other states and from our own state include the Capitol as part of their vacation plans. How fun it is to share this beautiful building with all ages!

Left: Volunteer Mike Daly has a good time with the Pastusek family of Fort Worth, Texas, and the Darbonne family of Brandon, Mississippi.

Cover, right, and below: At this year's Capitol volunteer meeting, while enjoying tea cakes and coffee, volunteers were brought up to date regarding the Capitol's happenings, discoveries, and upcoming projects.



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Mississippi Book Festival a HUGE Success!!!

The second annual Mississippi Book Festival was held August 20 and, according to the festival organizers' latest count, 6,400 visitors from across the state and beyond attended. MDAH volunteers greeted approximately 800 of those guests and conducted tours every 30 minutes during the event.

Right: At the beginning of the festival, volunteer Sister Simmons welcomes Curious George as he gears up to celebrate his 75th birthday with many happy children and their parents.



Drone Flying Over the Capitol



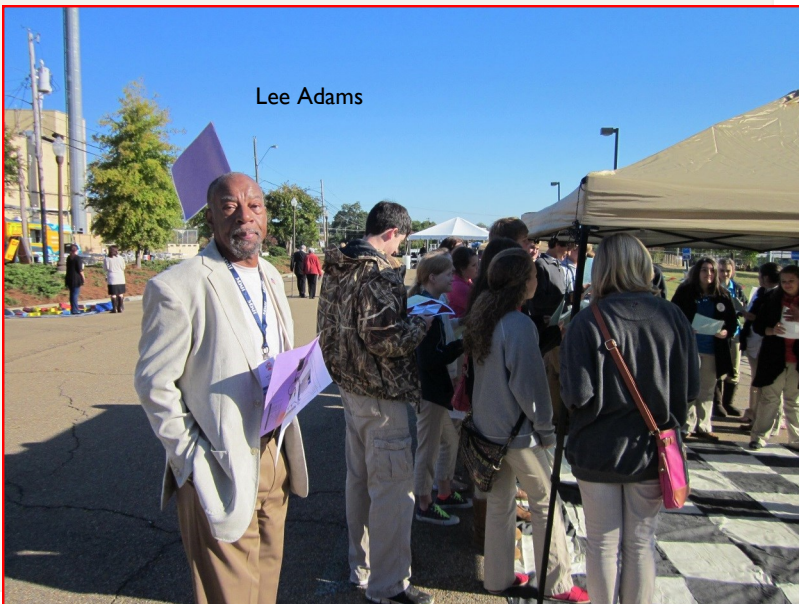
With special permission from the Department of Finance & Administration and Capitol Police, a professional photographer took photos of the Capitol using a drone for an upcoming book co-authored by Jennifer Baughn of MDAH and Dr. Michael Fazio of Mississippi State University.

Fun Fact: The dome interior of the Capitol contains 750 lights!

"Drone by the Dome" -- Visitor Services Assistant Coordinator Joy Matthews and volunteer Freda Spell had a good time taking photos of the drone.

Old Capitol Museum

News from Lauren Miller



Lee Adams

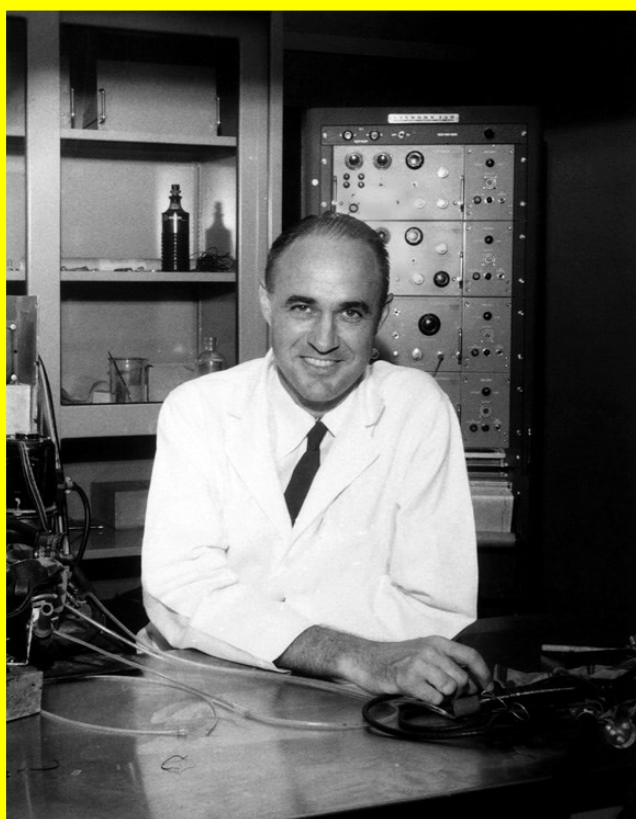
We had a special volunteer for the summer. Jason Boyd spent his summer vacation greeting visitors at the museum front desk. Jason was a great addition to the Old Capitol team and we miss him, however, we know his music students in the Northwest Rankin School District need him in the classroom.

Another new face at the Old Capitol is Mr. Lee Adams. Mr. Adams, a familiar face to those at Winterville Mounds, has joined us for early mornings at the Old Capitol to make sure our landscaping is in good shape. When staff arrives in the morning, he has been hard at work for hours! You can admire his work along the fence in front of the building.

Above: Lee Adams has been a truly good friend to MDAH! Mr. Adams retired as the police chief of Greenville and in past years, has given extensively of his time at Winterville Mounds Archaeological Park. He is pictured above helping with the 2 Mississippi Museums groundbreaking. His most recent project has been as a landscaping volunteer at Mississippi's most historic building, the Old Capitol Museum. Thank you for your service, Mr. Adams!

The Old Capitol has enjoyed hosting the exhibit of the 20-star flag and the 1817 constitution before it travels the state in anticipation of the opening of the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in 2017. The flag and constitution will be on display through October 1.

Make Your Nomination to the Mississippi Hall of Fame



Hall of Fame member Arthur Clifton Guyton (1919-2003) was a cardiovascular physiologist, medical instructor, and chair of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Mississippi. His research in cardiovascular regulation led to great improvements in medical education and the treatment of hypertension, heart failure, edema, and other cardiovascular diseases. His Textbook of Medical Physiology is used in medical schools worldwide and has been published in thirteen languages.

Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Deadline September 30, 2016

<http://www.mdah.ms.gov/new/about/mississippi-hall-of-fame/mississippi-hall-of-fame-nomination-form/>

This year is an election year to nominate new members to the Mississippi Hall of Fame. We are accepting nominations now through September 30 and the MDAH Board of Trustees will vote at the December Board Meeting. Hall of Fame nominees must be a native or adopted Mississippian, have made a significant contribution to Mississippi, and have been deceased for at least five years.

If you would like to nominate someone to the Mississippi Hall of Fame, online applications are being accepted at this time. Follow the link below to access the nomination form. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Miller at the Old Capitol Museum (601-576.6920 or lmiller@mdah.ms.gov).



Pushmataha (ca. 1764-1824) was a chief of the Choctaw Nation. He helped negotiate the Treaty of Doak's Stand and other pacts between the Choctaws and the United States. Pushmataha was a respected military leader and fought alongside Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812.

Present meets Past *at the Old Capitol Museum*

Thursday, October 27
5-8 p.m.
FREE

*Interact with
members
of the
Mississippi
Hall of Fame
throughout the
museum.*

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Treasures from the Archives

News from the Editor



Enjoy early twentieth century photography with the newest additions to the **Painter collection album** on Flickr:

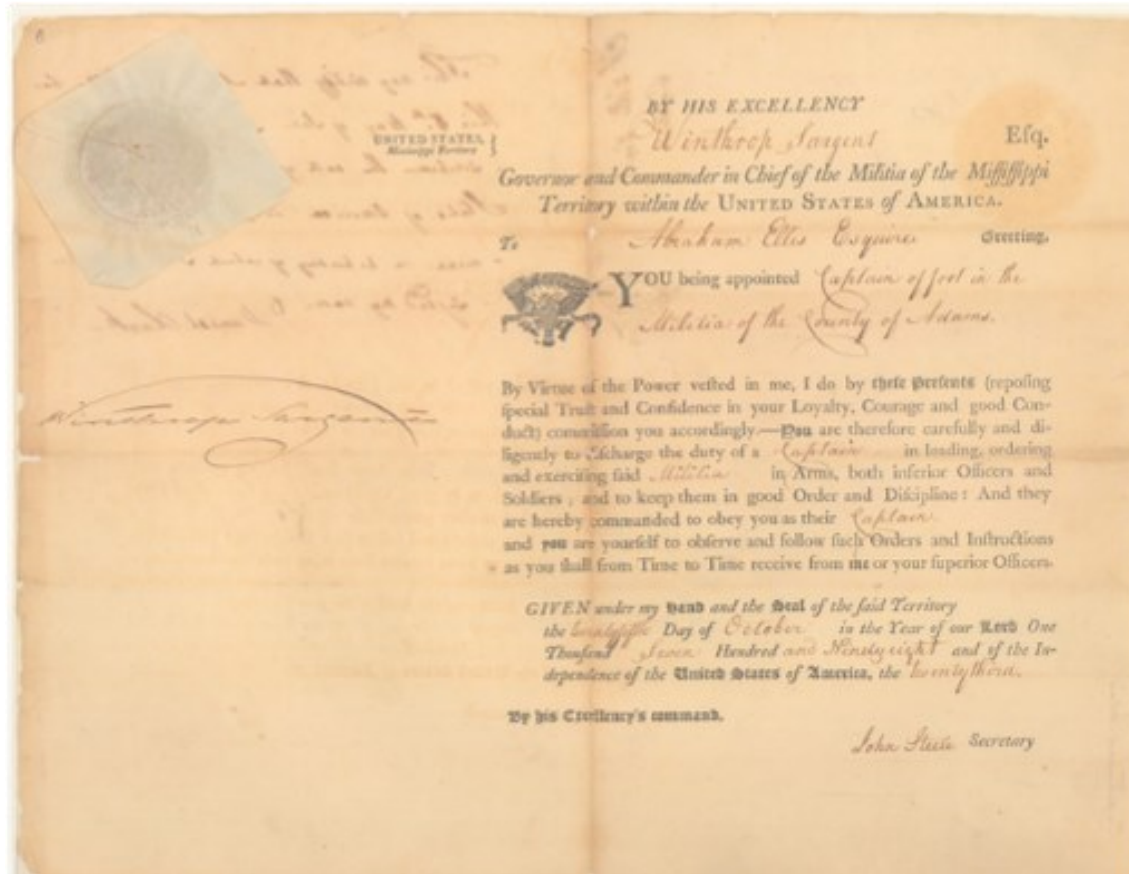
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/mississippi-dept-of-archives-and-history/albums/72157630300954612/page6>

If any of you are interested in doing research about your family or about Mississippi, our Archives Library is the place to begin your journey. Media Reading Room volunteers Nan Harvey, Virginia Hughson, and Sue Newman, as well as our regular Library staff, are often found assisting patrons in their search.

On my recent genealogical search, I was astounded at the variety and depth of materials that we offer at MDAH. During my lunch break, I was able to find hard copies of a family newsletter series from the 1950s, articles printed about my family in Mississippi's oldest newspaper, the *Woodville Republican*, and multiple obituaries, cemetery and marriage records, and other resources about my family—an impressive array from which to choose.

October is Archives Month. Our fall issue will showcase more about the MDAH Archives and Records Services Division. Until then, I will share helpful links in this issue to access some of our online collections and resources to get you started. I encourage all of you to take advantage of this precious jewel at MDAH. To begin, check out the wonderful Painter Collection (see link on left).

Treasures from the Archives



Series 488: Administration Papers, 1769, 1788-1817; n.d. (Doc Number 8) Administration: Winthrop Sargent. Date (s): 10/25/1798. **Commission, Governor Sargent, appointing Abraham Ellis as Captain of Foot in the Militia of Adams County.** To view more images from the collection, follow this link: http://www.mdah.ms.gov/arrec/digital_archives/series/s488

Journey Through the Archives

Research at the Archives: <http://www.mdah.ms.gov/new/research/research-at-the-archives/>

Digital Archives: http://www.mdah.ms.gov/arrec/digital_archives/

Genealogy: <http://www.mdah.ms.gov/new/research/genealogy/>

Search the Online Catalog: <http://www.mdah.ms.gov/new/research/search/>

Image Reproduction: <http://www.mdah.ms.gov/new/research/reproduction-services/>

Tips for Visiting the Archives:

Do not be shy—ask for help! * Remember to bring pencils (not pens). * Bring a photo ID.
Access the Online Catalog from home before you visit. * Bring a sweater.



Seven New Docents for the Governor's Mansion

News and images from Megan Bankston



Congratulations to Dr. Glen Graves!



Left to right: MDAH staff members Jim Woodrick, Lucy Allen, and Trey Porter enjoy a tour given by Luran Buchanan (front). Luran has been giving tours at the Mansion since 2014. Congratulations to Luran!



Left to right: Long-time docent Mary Louise Nosser welcomes her friend and new Mansion docent Linda Livingston. Congratulations, Linda!

Since our last reporting of new volunteers at the Governor's Mansion, seven new docents have passed their docent exam and are giving tours at the Mississippi Governor's Mansion.

Welcome aboard Anna Marie Barnes, Luran Buchanan, Glen Graves, Faye Hudgins, Kellie Little, Linda Livingston, and Margaret Roberson! Congratulations on your hard work and dedication to learning about our Mansion and rich Mississippi history. We are happy to have you and thank you for helping educate the Mansion's visitors.

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Congratulations!

1. ***Margaret Roberson***
2. ***Kellie Little***
3. ***Anna Marie Barnes***
4. ***Faye Hudgins***



Remember to bring your friends to your Governor's Mansion! Walk-up tours are held Tuesday—Friday at 9:30, 10, 10:30, and 11 a.m. Group tours require reservations. Call Megan Bankston at 601-359-6421 for more information.

Volunteer Enrichment Sessions for Governor's Mansion Docents

News from Megan Bankston

On May 2, 2016, the docents of the Mississippi Governor's Mansion met at the William F. Winter Building for special volunteer enrichment sessions by former Mansion curator Mary Lohrenz and MDAH Historic Preservation Division staff member Todd Sanders.

Mary made presentations pertaining to the history of the Mansion and the Mansion's furniture and furnishings in the morning. In the afternoon, Todd focused on Greek Revival architecture and the Governor's Mansion. Many new docents greatly appreciated hearing from these experts, while veteran docents enjoyed refreshing their information and knowledge.

We sincerely thank our presenters for their outstanding presentations.



Mary Lohrenz presenting on furniture in the Governor's Mansion. Thank you, Mary and Todd!

History is Lunch: Freda Spell Speaks on Louis Millet



Freda Spell volunteers at the Governor's Mansion, the Eudora Welty House and Garden, the State Capitol, and whenever we call her for special projects and events. While volunteering at the Capitol, Freda has conducted extensive research on the stained-glass artist whose work adorns our exquisite Capitol Building, Louis Millet.

You will not want to miss her History is Lunch presentation on this phenomenal artist, entitled *Louis Millet: Journey in Glass—Paris to Chicago to Jackson*. This event will be held at the Old Capitol Museum at noon on Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

Parking is available on two levels behind the Old Capitol Museum and on nearby streets. For more information, please call 601-576-6998. This event is free, no reservations are required.

Sneak Peek at the Mississippi History Store

News and store image below from Rebecca Jones



*Image above courtesy
of Laney Grantham*

The new **Mississippi History Store** located in the 2 Mississippi Museums complex is taking shape. The walls are up and the space is a great size—approximately 1700 feet—plenty of room to feature an abundance of Mississippi-made merchandise. This photo features the store front; however, less than half of the store space is shown.

The Mississippi History Store will feature Mississippi books and Mississippi-made artisan crafts such as pottery, basketry, and jewelry. There will be paper goods, specialty merchandise that focuses on the museums' temporary exhibit, as well as a children's area with books, kits, and historical toys.

Keep in mind that until the new store opens, you can use your 15% MDAH volunteer discount to shop at the Old Capitol Museum Shop and the Eudora Welty House and Garden Gift Shop. All your purchases at these sites contribute to their support and their programs.

Please contact me, Rebecca Jones, at storemanager@mdah.ms.gov, or leave a message at 601-576-6921 if you have comments or questions regarding the new Mississippi History Store.



Quick Access to...

History is Lunch Schedule

<http://www.mdah.ms.gov/new/category/events-category/history-is-lunch/>

The Mississippi Historical Society

<http://www.mississippihistory.org/>

Schedule a Speaker

<http://www.mdah.ms.gov/new/learn/schedule-a-speaker/>

Reenactments and Other Fun at the Manship House!

News from Marilyn Jones



CIVIL WAR SCENES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

11AM–2PM • FREE

- 11AM *Forbidden, Hidden and Forgotten: Women Soldiers of the Civil War*
Shelby Harriel
- 1PM *The Most Civil of All: Ice Cream*
Jeff Klingfuss
- 11AM–2PM *Civil War Living History Encampment*
Meet Union and Confederate soldiers with artillery, and women on the Confederate home front.

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Facebook News

Winterville Mounds Archaeological Park and Museum

Right: *New display coming soon to Winterville Mounds. Barbara McClendon and Madee Miller of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History Museum Division are working on a new display for the Winterville Mounds museum. Check in later to see it.*

<https://www.facebook.com/Winterville-Mounds-113176502070391/?fref=ts>



Grand Village of the Natchez Indians

Left: *Grand Village recently celebrated their 40th anniversary with MDAH! Read all about it.*

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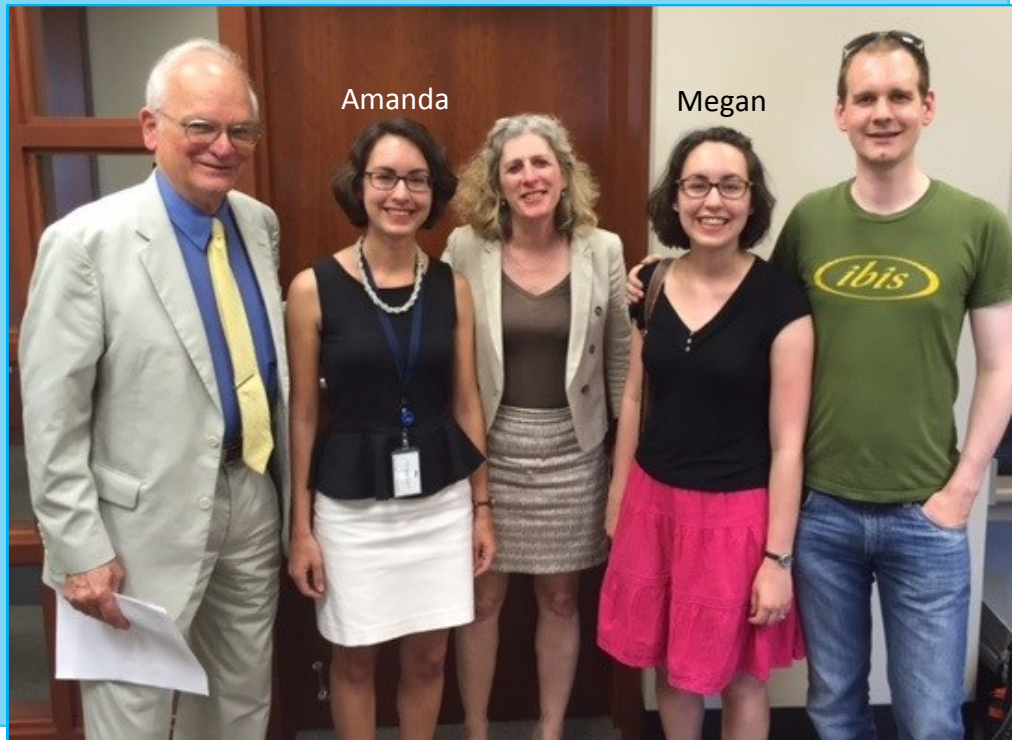
Reveille is rapidly approaching! The event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All events are free, but for the tours you **MUST** sign up ahead of time, as space is limited. Soap-making class has filled up, but we'll be having another one of those in December, so keep watching our FB page! To view the Reveille schedule on our Facebook page, follow the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/Historic-Jefferson-College-HJC-107040389337961/>



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Russ Girls Together Again at MDAH!



From left: MDAH Director Emeritus Elbert Hilliard, MDAH Assistant to the Director Amanda Russ Lyons, Director Katie Blount, Megan (Russ) and Chris Dyson

In December 2008, Megan Russ responded to a volunteer opening at the Old Capitol Museum. We then met her twin, Amanda, who also volunteered at MDAH.

Later, Megan moved to England to pursue a career as a musician (Baroque violinist) and Amanda, who is trained as a classical cellist, chose to pursue a career in history with MDAH!

We were treated to a visit recently by Megan and her husband, Chris. There were many double-take glances as most of us could not tell the difference between the twins!

To see the MDAH Calendar of Events

Lots to do, people to see, places to go...

Click the link below.

<http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/category/events-category/>

Bulletin Board

Answers

Test Your Knowledge of Mississippi

1. D) David Holmes
2. C) Ray Mabus
3. A) General "Spoons" Butler

MDAH Volunteer Newsletter

Elizabeth Coleman, editor

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Katie Blount, director



The Mississippi Department of Archives and History was founded in 1902 and is the second-oldest state department of archives and history in the country. The mission of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is to collect, preserve, protect, research, and interpret the state's rich and diverse historic resources and to promote the appreciation and use of those resources.